

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ANALYZING
OPERATIONAL AND NONOPERATIONAL DATA
ACQUIRED FROM OPTICAL DISCS

Abstract

5 Methods and apparatus for analyzing
nonoperational data acquired from optical discs, and in
particular, trackable optical discs having concurrently
readable nonoperational structures are provided.
Analysis can involve identifying patterns in the data
10 that reproducibly distinguish underlying structures, or
identifying patterns in the data that report physical
properties of the nonoperational structures. When an
optical disc has a plurality of physically nonidentical
concurrently readable nonoperational structures,
15 analysis can involve identifying patterns in the data
that distinguish among the physically nonidentical
nonoperational structures. Also, relative physical
locations of nonoperational structures on the disc can
be calculated. A system for remotely analyzing data in
20 order to expedite complex data analysis and reporting
the results thereof is also provided.

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